

Councilwoman Cartright attends Jazz Loft Reception

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Farmingville, NY – On March 12, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright attended a reception in honor of the late Mr. Arthur Prysock's collection at the Jazz Loft in Stony Brook. Mr. Prysock was a jazz singer who recorded many popular songs over the course of his more than forty year career. He was the recipient of the 1995 Pioneer Award from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. His wife, Mrs. Jean Prysock, was celebrated at this event for her generosity and contributions to the Jazz Loft and the Three Village area.

The Jazz Loft, run by musician Tom Manuel, is housed in the historic building at 275 Christian Avenue in Stony Brook, the original location of the Stony Brook Fire Department. The Jazz Loft not only serves as a home for Jazz memorabilia and archives, it also provides music education to the community. Mrs. Prysock worked alongside Gloria Rocchio, President of Ward Melville Heritage Organization and Tom Manuel to facilitate the donation of the Arthur Prysock Archives, a wonderful addition to the other collections housed at the Jazz Loft.

"Thank you to Mrs. Prysock for providing our community with the treasure that is Arthur Prysock's archives. The Three Village Area is honored to be the home to a part of her husband's legacy," commented Councilwoman Cartright. "It was a pleasure to see the great progress that has been made in the year since the Jazz Loft project started. In the coming years, visitors will find an incredible collection highlighting the great history of jazz. Thank you, Tom, for teaching the great history of jazz to all who visit."

Pictured above: Zach Baum, Representative of the Office of Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn; Gloria Rocchio, Ward Melville Heritage Organization; Tom Manuel; Jean Prysock and her granddaughter, Jeanisha Prysock; Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright

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